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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: REYES *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/851,410

FILED: MAY 7, 2001

FOR: ENTERICALLY TRANSMITTED NON-A/NON-B  
HEPATITIS VIRAL AGENT AND CHARACTERISTIC  
EPITOPES THEREOF

EXAMINER: MOSHER, MARY

ART UNIT: 1648

CONF. No: 2902

**Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, please amend the application as reflected in the following listing of claims. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, making this a timely response.